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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

**Listing of claims:**

1. (currently amended) An orthopedic aid with two parts (15, 16) which are movable relative to one another and with a locking device for locking the two parts (15, 16) in a predetermined relative position and for unlocking the parts (15, 16) in order to permit movement of the parts (15, 16) with respect to one another, wherein ~~the a~~ signaling arrangement (36, 40, 41, 42) is provided which emits a particular indicator signal or warning signal for alerting a user of the orthopedic aid to the locking state or upon unlocking of the locking device.
1. 2. (original) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one detection arrangement (30, 31) is provided for detecting the locking state of the two parts (15, 16) and for emitting a signal indicating the locking state.
1. 2. 3. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the signaling arrangement (36, 40, 41, 42) is designed to emit a signal upon unlocking.
1. 2. 4. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the signal is visual, acoustic, tactile and/or mechanical.

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1       5. (currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~  
2       the detection arrangement (30, 31) is designed to generate the signal electrically  
3       as a function of the locking state.

1       6. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2       the locking device has a movable locking pin (25) whose position can be  
3       detected by the detection arrangement (30,31).

1       7. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2       the locking device is designed to be actuated electromechanically to permit  
3       unlocking.

1       8. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 6, wherein  
2       the locking pin (25) is arranged such that it can be drawn into a magnet coil  
3       (28) to permit unlocking.

1       9. (currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 5, wherein the  
2       detection arrangement (30, 31) is designed for electrical scanning of ~~the~~a  
3       position of the locking pin.

1       10. (currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, designed  
2       as an orthotic joint in which the parts (15, 16) of ~~the~~a joint (6) can be locked  
3       in an extended position, wherein an electromagnetic actuating arrangement  
4       (28) with a low actuating force of not more than 2 N is provided, and wherein  
5       the joint (6) in the extended position has a slight play, allowing a freedom of  
6       movement of the locking mechanism in the loading of the joint (6) pertaining  
7       to the extended position, whereas, in the event of a load exerting a turning

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8       moment of the joint (6), the locking mechanism cannot be unlocked by the  
9       actuating arrangement (28) on account of frictional forces.

1       11. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
2       the locking device is actuated by wireless transmission of an actuating signal.

3       12. (currently amended) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11, wherein  
4       an actuating signal for wireless transmission of the a command signal can be  
5       triggered on a handgrip (12) of a walking aid (10).

1       13. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11,  
2       wherein the signal of the signaling arrangement (36, 40, 41, 42) can be sent by  
3       wireless transmission to the walking aid (10).

1       14. (original) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13, wherein the  
2       walking aid (10) has a visual and/or acoustic signal display arrangement.

1       15. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13,  
2       wherein a handgrip (12) of the walking aid (10) is provided with a vibrator  
3       that can be actuated by the signal.